
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Coretta Scott King.

Whereas, Coretta Scott King was born on April 27, 1927, in Marion, Alabama; and

Whereas, Coretta Scott King, a graduate of Antioch College in Ohio, attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts, where she met a Boston University theology student, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

Whereas, Coretta Scott King was married to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1953; and

Whereas, Coretta Scott King worked alongside her husband organizing and participating in some of the pinnacle moments of the civil rights movement; and

Whereas, despite enduring threats, violence, and the pains of bigotry and racism, Coretta Scott King was a vision of grace and commitment; and

Whereas, after Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Coretta Scott King carried on the legacy of her husband; and

Whereas, in 1969 she founded the King Center, which, through her work and the work of her family, has become known the world over as a place of education and advocacy for civil rights and equality; and

Whereas, Coretta Scott King transcended society's oppressors to become a symbol and a proponent of the nonviolent civil rights movement; and

Whereas, Mrs. King traveled around the world spreading the message of equality and civil rights and bringing hope to thousands of people; and

Whereas, Coretta Scott King stood strong against violence in our communities, working to educate people about the perils of gun violence in our streets and in our media; and

Whereas, after a decade long struggle, Coretta Scott King succeeded in having her husband's birthday observed as a national holiday in 1986, a day which continues to serve as a reminder of the strength and commitment of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the enduring work of his wife and children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature hereby honor Mrs. Coretta Scott King for serving as a matriarch to the civil rights movement around the world and for her lifelong dedication to ensuring the legacy of her husband.

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk